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Proclaim April 4 – 8 as ArtsWeek in Los Angeles County

ArtsWeek unites artists, audiences, and arts organizations with the leaders who represent them, fostering stronger relationships between those crafting the vision of Los Angeles County's future and those who make it a reality. ArtsWeek is an opportunity to highlight the contributions of the arts to all spheres of life, from education to business, public safety to health care, and transportation to innovation. During this week, we foster civil dialogue among elected leaders and residents who believe that an invigorated arts, culture, and creative sector is good for the social, civic, and economic vibrancy of Los Angeles County.

The Los Angeles region is home to over 418,000 creative industry jobs, the largest number of any metropolitan area in the country. It also has the largest concentration of creative jobs at 8.4%, far surpassing the New York City area and other large metropolitan areas around the country. And due to linkages to other parts of the regional economy, 15% of jobs (one in six) and 13% of output are tied to creative industry activity in the region.

WE THEREFORE MOVE to hereby declare that the County of Los Angeles recognizes and supports the mission of Arts for LA and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission to advance the Los Angeles region through the arts and creativity by declaring April 4 - 8, 2016 as ArtsWeek in the County of Los Angeles and celebrate the theme "Equity and Diversity in the Arts".

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